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It's a Croatian double

Victoria

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
CROATIA	22	12	6	4	43	18	30
FRANKSTON CITY	22	12	8	4	43	27	30
MAKEDONIA	22	12	5	5	40	19	29
CROYDON CITY	22	10	6	6	32	27	26
Juvantis	22	10	4	8	38	38	24
Altona City	22	7	7	8	28	28	21
George Cross	22	7	7	8	29	41	21
Hakuso	22	6	8	8	23	28	20
Green Gully	22	5	8	11	20	34	16
Slavia	22	5	4	13	18	29	14
Altona Rovers	22	4	6	12	26	41	14

The Croatian community has scored another memorable double by winning both the NSW and Victorian State League championships.

Sydney Croatia and Essendon Croatia were champions last year as well.

Both clubs hope also to win their State's Rothmans Medal.

Tommy Cumming, winner in 1978, is the leading candidate in Victoria while player-coach Attila Abony, and Maurice Sullivan are among the candidates in NSW.

Sydney Croatia now had its sights set on winning the NSW grand final while Essendon Croatia meets Makedonia in the Dockerty Cup semi-finals at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday).

If it wins, Essendon will advance to the final on Sunday. It hopes also to win the State League Cup top four competition.

NSW

	W	D	L	F	A	P
CROATIA	18	9	1	54	23	41
INTER-MONAR	13	8	5	55	38	34
SUTHERLAND	12	7	7	44	23	31
BLACKTOWN	13	5	8	45	38	31
Melita Eagles	11	8	7	41	34	30
Avila	13	3	10	40	38	28
Adams	11	4	11	41	42	28
Mville Olympic	8	8	10	33	35	24
Paranawatta	11	14	27	44	23	
Karingal	8	10	10	28	38	22
Bankstown	9	4	13	32	42	22
Marilyn	6	7	12	23	34	18
Amcliffe Scots	6	5	15	28	45	17
Yugil	5	5	18	22	43	15



Tommy Cumming
(Essendon Croatia)



Maurice Sullivan
(Sydney Croatia)

Ivo Prskalo our player of year

Ivo Prskalo, captain of Philips League champion Marconi and sweeper of the national team, has won the "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award.

His prize is a return trip for two to Europe, flying Yugoslav Airlines.

Prskalo was injured during Marconi's match against Heidelberg last Sunday but did enough during the 40 minutes he was on the field to earn a 9 rating.

This gave him an average of 8.04 for the season.

Runner-up is West Adelaide goalkeeper Martyn

Crook, with an average of 7.96, followed by 1977 winner Jimmy Rooney of Heidelberg with 7.72.

Prskalo received the following ratings: one 10, five 9s, thirteen 8s and six 7s.

He is the only player in the league who was not rated below 7 in any match.

It is the fourth year of the Yugoslav Airlines award.

In the first year, 1976, it was split between NSW and Victoria, with Bruce Stowell of Pan Hellenic winning it in NSW and Steve Kokoska, then of Sunshine City, taking the Victorian prize.

Philips League winners have been Jimmy Rooney, then of Marconi, in 1977, and Ken Boden of Newcastle KB United last year.

Prskalo, who says he is 31, joined Marconi in early 1977 after having played 390 games for Velez Mostar in Yugoslavia.

He also played 11 games for Yugoslavia B against West Germany, Poland, Switzerland, Greece, and Spain among others.

He played for Australia against Partizan Belgrade (0-1) this year and since then, he has been training regularly under coach Leo Baumgartner who has charge of the Sydney members of the national squad.

MOMENT OF AGONY

JAT award winner Ivo Prskalo gets treatment for the injury that forced him out of the match against Heidelberg last Sunday.



Jankovics: 18 goals, Crook top goalkeeper



• Mark Jankovics

Mark Jankovics of Marconi and Martyn Crook of West Adelaide have won major prizes through "Soccer Action" — one for scoring goals, the other for stopping them.

Jankovics wins \$750 cash from Tooth Victoria (formerly the Courage award) for setting a record total of 18 as the Philips League top scorer for 1979.

The previous highest tally was 16, scored by Dixie Deans of Adelaide City in 1977, the first year of the league.

Jankovics, who transferred from



• Martyn Crook

St George to Marconi early last year, scored five more goals than his team-mate Eddie Krncevic who finished runner-up in the race for the \$750.

The Jankovics-Krncevic-Peter Sharpe forward line scored a total of 41 goals, which is more than the team totals of Brisbane City, West Adelaide, APIA, Brisbane Lions, Footscray, J.U.S.T., St. George, Canberra, Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne.

Martyn Crook, runner-up to Ivo Prskalo in the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award, has won the Konstantine Jewel Box award for the 1979 Australian Goalkeeper of the Year.

Crook's prize is a valuable digital watch from Konstantine Jewel Box of 183 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Crook was named six times in the "Soccer Action" Team of the Week.

Others who made the team are:

3 Selections: Greg Woodhouse (APIA), Steve Potter (Footscray), Kim Wishart (Brisbane City).

2 selections: Nigel Lownds (Brisbane Lions), Dennis Boland (Footscray and South Melbourne), Todd Clarke (Sydney City), Yakka Bannovic (H'berg).

1 selection: Martin Coe (St. George), Peter Marshall (Adelaide City), Peter Laumets (South Melbourne), Jim Preston (Newcastle).

The top 10 players in the "Soccer Action" Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year ratings are:

- 8.04 Prskalo (Marc).
- 7.96 Crook (WA).
- 7.72 Rooney (H'berg).
- 7.69 Clarke (SC).
- 7.63 Perry (BC).
- 7.60 Lujic (Footsc).
- 7.58 J. Campbell (H'berg, Potter (BC).
- 7.57 Harmiston (BL).
- Ratcliffe (BC).

"I am proud to have won this fine prize and I thank Yugoslav Airlines for it," Prskalo said this week.

"It's been a hard year for us. When you're on top for so long everyone is trying to beat you. There is a lot of pressure.

"I have been very happy with my own form. It's been my best season since coming from Yugoslavia."

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug said: "The prize could not have gone to a more deserving bloke. Ivo took a great deal of responsibility after being appointed captain and he did not play a bad game all season."

"He is by far the best sweeper in Australia." — LAURIE SCHWAB

Beckenbauer to rescue

HONG KONG, Franz Beckenbauer scored from the penalty spot with six minutes to play to earn the New York Cosmos a 3-3 tie with the Seiko team of Hong Kong in an exhibition match here last week.

Giorgio Chinaglia gave the Cosmos a 1-0 lead when he scored after 12 minutes of play, but Ian McWilliams squared it for the home side two minutes later. Vladislav Bogoslovic put the visitors ahead, 2-1, with a goal in the 38th minute.

Seiko took the lead, 3-2, in the second half with goals by Hugh McCrory on a free kick and captain Wu Kwok-Hung.

With time running out, Chinaglia was fouled and Beckenbauer scored the penalty from 12 yards out.

The game was the first of 13 the Cosmos will play on a tour of the Far East and Australia.



Rob Cullen

CULLEN VIC'S BEST

Robert Cullen of Preston Makedonia is the "Soccer Action" — General Tourist Travel Service Victorian State League player of the year.

Cullen earned three votes in the last round against Juventus to climb ahead of Bobby McGuinness.

The Preston forward polled 27 votes to edge out McGuinness of Juventus who led 26.

Cullen's prize is a trip for two to New Zealand, courtesy of General Tourist Travel Service of 365 Victoria St., Abbotsford.

Cullen transferred to Preston Makedonia for \$7,000 from George Cross early this season and formed a deadly partnership with fellow forwards George McMillan and Gary Ward.

Between them, they scored 34 of Preston Makedonia's 40 league goals.

Ward, with 15 goals, is the top goalscorer in the Victorian State League. He wins \$500 from Tooth's Breweries for being the best marksman.

Previous winners of the "Soccer Action" Victorian State League player of the year are: 1976 Steve Kokoska (Sunshine City), 1977 Mike Rainey (Hakoah St. Kilda), 1978 John Zenden (Prahran Slavia).

Previous top goalscorers are: 1976 Graham French (Mooroolbark), 1977 Ken Reed (George Cross), 1978 Jamie Paton (Slavia). KYLE PATTERSON.



Gary Ward

71
rate
success

Philips Cup final, Olympic Sports Field, Sunday 2.30 pm.

ADELAIDE CITY

Peter MARSHALL
Bobby RUSSELL
Bugay NYSKOHUS
John PERIN
Glenn DODDS
Charlie VILLANI
Agenor MUNIZ
John NYSKOHUS
Brian NORTHCOTE
Gary MAROCCHI
Chris KENT

ST. GEORGE

Michael FRASER
George HARRIS
Doug UTJESENOVIC
Brendan GROSSE
Robert O'SHEA
Peter KATHOLOS
Rudi GNAVI
John O'SHEA
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Roy COTTON

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Entertainment is as important as the Cup result

By RAUL BLANCO
St George coach

Entertainment is the key to the future of Australian soccer. If every Philips League game gave the public 90 minutes of top football, soccer would be a lot better off in this country.

For this reason, I hope the Philips Cup final is a great encounter, full of beautiful football that will entertain the large crowd expected to attend the match.

If the game does produce some really entertaining soccer, I will be happy, regardless of whether St. George is the winner or the loser.

I know soccer is all about winning. In soccer, fans are often pleased to see their team play badly and win, rather than play attractive football and only draw or lose.

However, the beauty of football is just as important to me. St. George has been under considerable pressure because of the threat of relegation, but still the players have tried to play attractive football.

My theory is: if a team can play beautiful, attacking soccer, it will never be very far away from winning.

I will instruct my players to adopt a positive approach in the final; to attack and to win the game by playing the better soccer.

I'm confident Adelaide City will accept the challenge, and make this final a classic.

Rale Rasic is a close friend of mine, and in fact I was his assistant at Pan Hellenic in Sydney for two years.

I know Rale well, and his views on soccer. Let me say this, that Rale is not a defensive coach, which is what many people have labelled him.

Rasic instills super-discipline into his team, and any opponent of a Rale Rasic team knows it will not get a smooth ride.

Rale is not a negative thinker. His teams attack when they can attack, and defend when they have to defend. I have great respect for his coaching ability.

St. George managed to draw 1-1 with Adelaide City in Adelaide not so long ago. Phil O'Connor scored our goal, and Chris Kent grabbed City's late equaliser.

The match showed me that Adelaide City has a well-balanced team which is full of excellent players.



Raul Blanco urges his players on.

But how can I single anyone out? Muniz, Perin, Northcote, Villani, Deans, the Nyskohus brothers and Kent are all top players. It would be an injustice to elevate one above another.

Playing in Adelaide will give the home side an advantage. The crowd will obviously be pro-Adelaide City.

But I'm not too concerned about playing on strange soil. In our last two cup games, St. George defeated Brisbane City and Newcastle Utd on their own grounds.

Beating Brisbane City at Perry Park was a great triumph. The team won the first two Philips Cups and won 10 successive cup games on that ground.

St. George can produce good football away from home, and we will have no special tactics because we are the 'away' team.

In fact, the cup final could well be a relaxing tonic for my players after our battle against relegation. Since I joined the club, every game has been a mammoth struggle as we tried to move away from the relegation zone.

The cup game against Newcastle broke the pressure momentarily. I noticed the players were far more relaxed and composed in this game than in league fixtures.

St. George had a poor start to the season, but the players fought back courageously.

We had Rudi Gnavi reappear as a force in the midfield. Rudi has always had the skills, and my job was to build up his confidence, and now he's playing very well.

Michael Fraser is the best goalkeeper in Australia in my opinion. He had to have an operation on his finger earlier this year, but once given a chance in the first team, has not looked back.

And then we have Doug Utjesenovic and George Harris, two fine ambassadors for the St. George club. They were part of the great St. George era, and now have responded with equal determination with the club experiencing bad times.

It would make them extremely happy to bring some glory back to St. George by winning the Philips Cup.

I would dearly love St. George to win the Philips Cup. I'm just as keen to see the fans entertained. If St. George can come out on top after a great exhibition of beautiful football, I will be a winner all round.



Michael Fraser (right) and Roy Cotton.



Brendan Grosse (right) and Doug Utjesenovic look concerned in the St. George defence.

ALL PSL CLASHES

Previous PSL matches between Adelaide City and St. George:

1977
ST GEORGE 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2 (J. Nyskohus, Northcote) at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 1338. Ratings by Tom Anderson:

ST GEORGE: McGuire 7, Harris 7, Cotton 6, R. O'Shea 6, Williams 6, Gnani 7, Grosse 5, J. O'Shea 5, Janikovic 5 (Hansen 5, 46th min), Morgan 5, O'Connor 6 (Altken 77th). Coach: Manfred Shearer.

ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 8, Fraser 7, Yung 7, Matic 7 (Basir), Lister 7, Marocchi 8, Perin 8, Maita 7, Leno 7, J. Nyskohus 8, Northcote 8. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Northcote) ST. GEORGE 1 (O'Connor) at Olympic Sports Field, crowd 6200. Ratings by Memo Toutsidis:

ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 6, Maita 6, Yung 7, Matic 8, Lister 6, Muniz 7, Marocchi 6, J. Nyskohus 6, Deans 7, Northcote 7. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

ST GEORGE: Cox 7, Harris 7, R. O'Shea 6, J. O'Shea 6, Williams 7, Grosse 6, Gnani 7, Altken 8,

Morgan 6, Janikovic 6, O'Connor 7, Coach: Ilya Yakac.

1978
ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Grosse own goal) ST GEORGE 0 at Olympic Sports Field, crowd 5800. Ratings by Memo Toutsidis:

ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 7 (Marshall 7), R. Nyskohus 7, Yung 6, Matic 6, Lister 6, Koleski 7, Danco 6 (Munk), Rigby 7, Marocchi 7, J. Nyskohus 7, Northcote 8. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

ST GEORGE: Cox 7, Utjesenovic 7, Terry 6, J. O'Shea 6, Harris 7, Grosse 7, Djuralic 6 (Hansen), Jones 7, R. O'Shea 7, Morgan 7, O'Connor 8. Coach: Ilya Yakac.

ST GEORGE 2 (O'Connor, Hansen) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Northcote) at St. George Stadium, crowd 2452. Ratings by John Taylor:

ST GEORGE: Clemence 5, M. O'Shea 5 (Terry 5, half time), Grosse 7, Utjesenovic 7, Maita 7, Coates 6 (Hansen 5, 52nd), Toranzo 6, Kay 6, J. O'Shea 7, Morgan 6, O'Connor 8. Coach: Joe Vlasita.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, B. Nyskohus 7, Yung 8 (Marve 83rd), Lister 7, Basir 7, Perin 8, Marocchi (Muniz 6, 24th), Northcote 8, Muir

J. Urelio 6, J. Nyskohus 8, Coach: Lee Sheinflug.

1979
ST GEORGE 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Northcote, Marocchi) at St. George Stadium, crowd 1700. Ratings by Alex Vasic:

ST GEORGE: Cox 7, Harris 7, Grosse 8, Della Pica 6, Terry 7 (Morgan), J. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7, Katholos 6, Hansen 7 (Matic), Cotton 6, O'Connor 7. Coach: Joe Gali.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Dodds 7, Basir 8, Muir 8, B. Nyskohus 7, Perin 7, Marve 7 (Marocchi 7, 45th), Northcote 7, J. Nyskohus 9, Deans 6 (Villani 82nd), Kent 7. Coach: Rale Rasic.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Kent) ST. GEORGE 1 (O'Connor) at Olympic Sports Field, crowd 4200. Ratings by Memo Toutsidis:

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Russell 7, Perin 8, B. Nyskohus 7, Dodds 8, Villani 8, Muniz 7, Northcote 6, J. Nyskohus 6, Deans 6, Kent 6. Coach: Rale Rasic.

ST GEORGE: Fraser 9, Harris 7, Utjesenovic 8, Grosse 7, R. O'Shea 7, Mihajlovic 6, J. O'Shea 7, Gnani 7 (Fonoughy), Cotton 7, Hansen 7, O'Connor 8. Coach: Raul Blanco.

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PSL STANDINGS

Final ladder

						HOME					AWAY				
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	BP	TP		
MARCONI	7	4	2	25	16	8	2	3	33	16	58:32	4	40		
HEIDELBERG UTD	8	4	1	21	12	6	3	4	23	18	44:30	1	36		
SYDNEY CITY ...	6	1	6	24	21	9	2	2	23	8	47:29	1	34		
BRISBANE CITY ..	8	2	3	22	11	6	3	4	16	19	38:30	1	34		
Adelaide City	6	3	4	18	14	7	3	3	26	13	43:27	1	33		
Newcastle KB	7	4	2	24	12	4	5	4	19	18	43:30	1	32		
West Adelaide	6	2	5	17	11	4	2	7	11	20	28:31	1	25		
APIA-Leichhardt ..	6	2	5	16	16	5	1	7	13	21	29:37	0	25		
Brisbane Lions	5	1	7	18	24	3	5	5	10	16	28:40	0	22		
Footscray JUST	5	1	7	17	20	3	2	8	12	23	29:43	1	20		
St George BSC	3	4	6	13	21	4	2	7	14	22	27:43	0	20		
Canberra City	2	4	7	12	24	4	4	5	13	17	25:41	0	20		
Sydney Olympic ...	2	3	8	8	15	5	2	6	15	15	23:30	0	19		
South Melbourne ..	4	2	7	20	15	2	1	10	10	25	30:40	1	16		

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

BANOVIC (2)
(H'berg)

McMILLAN (2)
(H'berg)

BANNON (3)
(H'berg)

PRSKALO (6)
(Marconi)

TANSEY (1)
(H'berg)

RAMPANTI (2)
(APIA)

ROONEY (5)
(H'berg)

R. CAMPBELL (2)
(Brisb. C)

BODEN (6)
(Newc.)

TRENTER (1)
(Sydney C)

BULJEVIC (4)
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Player of the Year award

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OLYMPIC 0 ST. GEORGE 1. Ratings by Eddie Katic.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 7, R. O'Shea 8, Utjesenovic 8, Harris 8, Della Picca 8, Kathdas 7, O'Shea 8, Gnavi 6 (Hananman 7) O'Connor 7, Connors 7 (Minajlovic 7) Fenoughty 7.

OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 7, McIntosh 7, Bell 8, Laing 7, K. Wilson 7, Rasopoulous 6, (Rowden 80m) Jamieson 7, Koussas 6 (Eaton) Scott 7, Jennings 6, Cross 7.

APIA 2 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1. Ratings by Alex Veale.

APIA: Woodhouse 7, Skellern 7, Dempsey 8, Wilson 8, Pullen 8, O'Donnell 7, Rampant 8, Stone 8, Butler 7, Drews 6, Reed 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Boffand 7, Pye 7, Kalefatis 7, Baxter 7, Lutton 7, Wright 6, Davidson 8, Christopoulos 6, Ristovski 7, Evans 6, Campbell 6.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 3 FOOTSCRAY 0. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 — Willis 7, Sneddon 7, Drinkwater 8, Curran 7 — Sankalaki 7, Bertogna 7, (Mason 7 half time) Tredinnick 8 — Hays 7, (Jones 77th) Boden 9, McClelland 8.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 7 — Ristic 8, O'Reilly 7, Kondarios 6, Hazebent 8 — Rujovic 8, Jovanovic 8, Picciano 8 — Palinkas 7, Ollerton 7, Lujic 7.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 BRISBANE LIONS 0. Ratings by Mono Toutsidis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Russell 8, B. Nyakohus 8, Perin 7, Dodds 7, Marocchi 7 (Muir), Muniz 7, Villani 7, Northcott 7, J. Nyakohus 7, Deans 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lowndes 8, Ontong 7, Hermiston 8, Bennett 8, (Lawrie) Lavell 7, Conner 7. (Anderson) Ogden 7, Millman 6, Hughes 6, Fairbrother 6, Brennan 6.

BRISBANE CITY 2 WEST ADELAIDE 0. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

BRISBANE CITY — Wisahart 8, Perry 7, Ratcliffe 8, Potter (Echeverria 8, 35th), Wilkinson 8, Pimblett 8, Gaffney 9, Coyne 9, Kelso 6, Campbell 10, Low 8.

WEST ADELAIDE — Crook 8, Honeyman 7, Jones 8, Kambas 6, Tymczyaszyn 7, Boyle 7, McCulloch 6 (Pantaras 85th), Dooley 7, Kosmina 8, Norris 7, McGregor 6 (Batchelor 75th).

HEIDELBERG 3 MARCONI 2. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 9 — McMillan 9, Yzendoorn 7, Bannon 9, Tansey 10 — Campbell 7, Taylor 8, Rooney 10 — Cole 8, Paton 8, Buljevic 9.

MARCONI: Maher 5 — Brogan 7, Russell 7, Prskalo 9 (injured, 40th min., sub Salvage 6), Degney 6 — Byrne 9, Henderson 8, Lindsay 8 — Jankovics 8, Krncevic 7, Sharn 7.

CANBERRA 1 SYDNEY CITY 3. Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski 8, Mouls 8, Hogg 7, Williams 7, Brown 6, Cant 6, Byrne 7, Phil Reis 7, Farrell 7, (Alan Reis 85th); MacLaren 7 (Davies 75th) Kawaleva 7.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullen 7, O'Connor 7, Stevenson 6 (Thomson 73rd), Watson 7, Barnes 8, Silva 7, Bruce 7, Trenter 9, Souness 7, Kershaw 7.

• Leading averages will appear next week.

After the game serve up an

ACE!



TOOTH'S TOP SCORER AWARD

Mark Jankovics wins the \$750 award as top scorer of the Phillips League.

Final list:
18. Jankovics (Marc).
13. Krncovic (Marc).
12. Boden (Newc).

11. Low (BC), Paton (H'berg).
10. Cole (H'berg), Sharpe (Marc), Brennan (BL), Smith (SC).

9. T. Byrne (Can.)
8. Deane (AC).

7. Picciano, Palinkas (Foota), Evans (SM), Norris, Kosmina (WA), Barnes (BC), P. O'Connor, Cotton (St. G), Drinkwater (Newc), Reed (APIA), Kent, J. Nyskohus (AC), Eaton (SO).

6. Curran, Heys (Newc), Villani (AC), Buljovic (H'berg), Trenter, Watson (SC), Kelo, R. Campbell (BC), Ristovski (SM).

5. Stevenson (SC), G. Byrne (Marc), Taylor (H'berg), Northcott (AC).

4. Ollerton (Foota), Lutton (SM), Silva, Souness (SC), Hughes, Fairbrother (BL), Caldwell (BC), Butler (APIA).

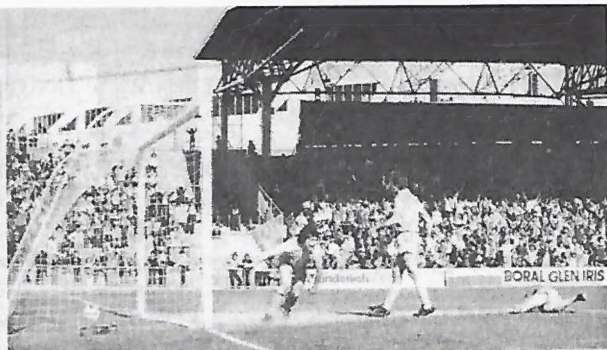
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Coyne, Echeverria (BC), Marwe, Perin (AC), Grujic, Moulis (Can).

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1. Marocchi, Dodds (AC), Samuels, O'Donnell, Wilson, Rampanti, Dempsey (APIA), Pimblett, Parry, Brusasco (BC), Wallace, Amos, Wilson, Millman (BL), Fielding, Salgado (Can), Rujovic (Foota), Seledidias, Tansey (H'berg), Sneddon, Jones, McClelland (Newc), Viori (Marc), Medc, Gnani, Grosse (St. G), Kakantonis, Drakakoford, Kalafatis, Wright (SM), Thomson, Mullen (SC), Ainslie, Laing (SO), McCulloch, McGregor, Jones, Tymczyszyn, Batchelor (WA).



Jamie Paton turns in triumph after having scored Heidelberg's second goal against Marconi at Olympic Park. Goalkeeper Allan Maher is down and beaten. John Russell walks over to get the ball. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

The scramble starts!

Clubs seeking 1980 membership of the Phillips League have been asked to meet a league sub-committee in Sydney this week.

The committee will make recommendations to the Australian Soccer Federation executive which will determine the make-up and size of the league for next season.

Sydney Olympic joined South Melbourne in the relegation zone when it lost 0-1 to St. George last Sunday. The last two clubs have the right to apply for readmission.

The clubs seeking admission to the league for 1980 are Preston Makedonia, Juventus (Vic), Blacktown (NSW), Grange Thistle (Qld), the Canberra Diplomats and a new Wollongong club.

Victorian State League club Juventus is confident of a \$400,000 income in the first year if it is granted PSL membership for 1980.

Club spokesman Rocco DiZio said this week the money would come from gate receipts, contributions of \$500 each from among Victoria's 174 Italian social clubs, at least 600 \$50 memberships and from donations.

He said leading businessmen had offered to guarantee bank loans for Juventus.

Juventus has included amalgamation with Provisional League club Thomastown in its application for PSL membership. The amalgamation is expected to be completed within a month.

Central Coast United and the Central Coast Association of NSW will apply for 1981 Phillips League membership.

The proposed home ground is Graham Park, venue of the recent Sydney City v Newcastle KB United PSL match.

Six major Gosford business houses are reported to be behind the application for PSL membership. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



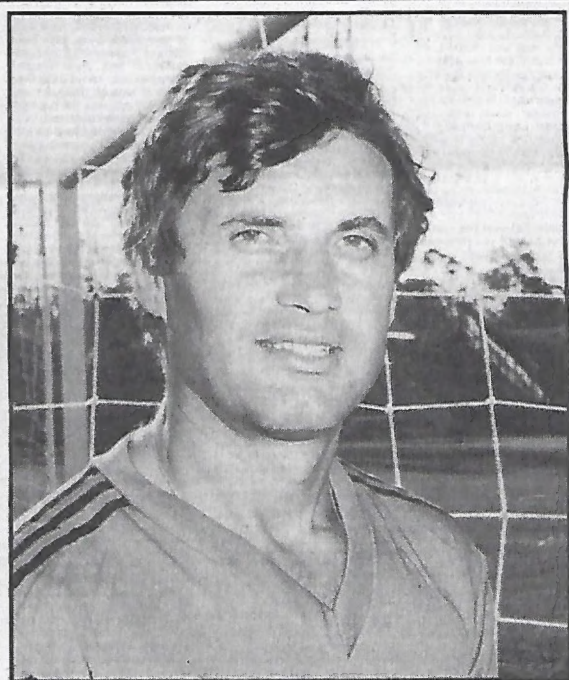
Heidelberg's Ken Taylor cops an arm in the face as he tries to force his way past Marconi full back Peter Brogan.



Combat at close quarters between Marconi's John Russell and Heidelberg's Gary Cole (right). Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.



Arms and legs point in all directions during a mid-air collision between South Melbourne's Stuart Baxter (front), APIA's goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse (rear) and APIA's Ken Reed. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



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Kosmina in hot water?

**BRISBANE CITY 2
WEST ADELAIDE 0**

Scorers: Echeverria 55th, Campbell 50th.
Ground: Perry Park.
Crowd: 3100.
Weather: Fine.
Referee: Tim Davies 10.
Cautions: nil.

Brisbane City survived a nerve-wrecking final round to beat West Adelaide 2-0 and clinch a place in the top four series, but for a time it seemed the victory over the 1978 champions might not be enough.

City was leading 1-0 and word came through from the south that Adelaide City was leading Brisbane Lions 2-0.

Had Adelaide City managed to pick up the bonus point, it would have pushed Brisbane City out on goal difference.

So City managed to hang on to the top four place it has occupied for most of the season.

But it will have to participate in the semi-finals without ace defender George Potter, who has helped to make all the difference to the city backline this season.

Potter was injured in a head clash as he saved an almost certain goal in the 27th minute, and the injury has been diagnosed as a fracture of the frontal sinus.

Despite this apparent crippling setback, city found the resolution necessary by moving midfielder John Coyne back to sweeper, alongside David Ratcliffe, where the Australian representative had an outstanding match.

Ironically, the player who was originally left out of the side, Roberto Echeverria, replaced Potter to take Coyne's midfield spot and contributed the all-important first goal.

But the real heroes of the day were powerful centre forward Bobby Campbell, winger Kevin Low and midfielder Larry Gaffney.

City exerted plenty of early pressure and, with Low and Gaffney thrusting forward, managed to win a corner after only a few seconds when Martin Crook deflected a Campbell shot.

Campbell almost ran riot in the first part of the first half and on three occasions almost scored.

It was in the 27th minute that Peter Boyle and Ian McGregor almost broke through and the clash of heads led to Potter's demise. He was off the field for eight minutes before Echeverria came on.

While City only had the 10 men, it almost scored when Low and Perry combined and Kelo headed a fraction over the bar, with Crook a little off his line.

City gradually got on top and had a couple of gilt edged chances but Barry Kelo missed the first of many in another match he would well like to forget.

Coyne provided the leadup in the 50th minute, which resulted in Crook dropping a Campbell header but Kelo poked the chance wide of the post.

Gaffney did well to set up Echeverria, whose great first time shot looked bound for the right hand corner, but Crook pulled off a magnificent diving save.

Finally the breakthrough came in the 55th minute and the goal eventuated from a free kick awarded for a David Jones foul on Campbell.

Gaffney worked the ball on the left and supplied Kelo, who squared to Echeverria, and this time Crook could not save the more gently placed ground shot which sailed through a wall of defenders into the corner.

City continued to bomb more chances, with Kelo the main culprit, and on one occasion he raced clear from inside his own half and ended by shooting weakly into Crook's arms.

That miss led to a heated exchange between Kelo and Frank Pimblett, which strangely enough was ended by the intervention of a West Adelaide player.

City made sure of the victory and then had to sweat out the final result from Adelaide when Campbell's fitting score ended in the last minute of the game.

Pimblett started the move, Kelo had a shot charged down but recovered to cross to beyond the far post, where Low controlled calmly and slipped his pass to Campbell, who thumped it into the roof of the net.

Considering the drama when the teams met early in the season in Adelaide, the match was incident free, with Tim Davies having quite an easy

Trenter the opportunist

**CANBERRA CITY 1
SYDNEY CITY 3**

Scorers: Trenter 3 (SC); Moulis (CC).
Ground: Bruce Stadium.
Crowd: 1,685.
Weather: Sunny and windy.
Referee: Chris Benbridge 6.
Cautions: MacLaren, Kawaleva (CC).

A great hat-trick by teenager Mark Trenter destroyed a fighting Canberra City 3-1 at Bruce Stadium.

Such was Trenter's performance in quick-thinking and opportunism that perhaps Sydney City is having second thoughts about exchanging him as part of the deal to acquire the services of Newcastle striker Kenny Boden.

On his form in this game Sydney City's loss is certainly Newcastle's gain.

Canberra, trying new players and a new combination, had nothing to lose. Its early form proved the point. Canberra began magnificently and cut Sydney City's defence to ribbons.

In the early minutes a curling cross from Don MacLaren was well headed by Harry Williams and Sydney City's keeper Todd Clarke did well to save as the ball bounced deceptively before it reached him.

Williams, in fact, had a good game in only his third PSL appearance of the season.

This great start surprised Sydney City and it was unable to lift its game and force Canberra to defend.

It was Canberra's best home performance for many, many weeks.

Deservedly Canberra hit the front in the 26th minute.

Issac Farrell sent over a well-struck corner and Williams outjumped everyone to send it towards the goal. Clarke rose to gather but so did Canberra's Ben Moulis and Keni Kawaleva. The persistence and determination worked. Clarke failed to gather the ball and it ran loose and Moulis — a full back — found the net.

Canberra's fans were jubilant considering Sydney City was in third place and needed maximum points to secure a final four berth.

Then the first of Trenter's goals brought everyone down to earth.

Again Canberra's captain John Brown was guilty of slack defence. He should — and could — have headed a high cross away. He chose to let it go believing another defender would clear. But Trenter burst through and scored.

It was the type of goal that so often during the 1978 season has plagued Canberra.

Canberra began well, have the play of the play — even score first, only to have the defence do something stupid and allow the opponents to either level or go in front.

But Canberra had much the better of the first half and didn't deserve to go into the dressing room level at 1-1.

In the opening minutes of the second half Canberra should have hit the front. Don MacLaren muffed two chances in the opening five minutes.

A high cross was well placed and Trenter went up with a Canberra City defender, won the aerial duel and found the net.

But Canberra showed hearts and sheer guts by fighting back.

And minutes later City deserved an equaliser. Jimmy 'Can't' cross found Moulis' head and the header from Moulis had Todd Clarke well beaten only to rap the crossbar.

Canberra continued to fight but Trenter's third goal in the 77th minute put the issue beyond doubt.

Again it was well taken. A chance was presented and a chance taken.

For Canberra the season is over, for Sydney City their win has assured them of a final four berth.

Now all Canberra has left is to do well against Newcastle in their Prime Minister's Cup next Sunday.

It will be attended by the Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, who is a patron of Canberra City.

Hopefully his presence will lift Canberra City, and see the home side win.

Full backs add bite

**HEIDELBERG 3
MARCONI 2**

Scorers: Russell own goal 4th, Paton 33rd & 56th, (H'berg); Jankovics 5th, Campbell own goal 7th.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Windy.
Crowd: 5630.
Referee: Don Campbell (SA).

Cautions: Degney (Marc), Bannan (H'berg).
Heidelberg coach Manny Poulakakis said before the match that his team would go out and play its own game rather than concentrate on shacking the Marconi stars.

He was true to his word, so much so that the Heidelberg fans must have had their hearts in their throats over the adventurousness of some of the players.

Full backs Jim Tansey and Arthur McMillan attacked with what seemed at first to be gay abandon. This resulted in a few breakaway attacks by Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharne early in the first half as the game progressed.

Tansey and McMillan were as attentive in defence as they were damaging in attack.

It was quite remarkable to see McMillan, caught upfield in an attack, progress down storm back in pursuit of Peter Sharne and catch him, after conceding 20 metres!

The drive provided by Tansey and McMillan were major factors in Heidelberg's performance, especially in the first half.

He was marked at first by Ken Lindsay and later by Stuart Selva but he brushed aside both of them.

Marconi marked more tightly than Heidelberg, with Peter Brogan shadowing Branko Buljevic and Paul Degney trying in vain to restrain Gary Cole. It was as if they thought, not Marconi, was the top team that had to be countered.

The first half ended in a 2-2 deadlock, and the turning point was the withdrawal of two players who were injured while tackling Cole.

Tony Henderson dropped back to take the place of Prskalo who had not made a single mistake in the first half, and as a result Gary Byrne was left to play virtually a lone hand in midfield against Rooney, Ken Taylor, Jim Campbell and the attacking full backs.

This left the Marconi strikers with a limited source of supply but even so, they should have done a lot better. They demonstrated excellent technique when they could drop back, pick up the ball and run menacingly at the Heidelberg defence.

Allan Maher was extremely shaky. The two goals scored by Jamie Paton were both a matter of putting away the loose ball after Maher had failed to hold shots by Jim Tansey and Branko Buljevic.

Sunday's match started sensationally with three goals — two of them own goals — in the first seven minutes.

First John Russell, in trying to clear, turned an angled ground shot from Gary Cole into his own net to put Heidelberg into the lead.

Seconds later, Heidelberg's defence was caught too far upfield and without depth, allowing Jankovics to race through, take the ball past Banovic and roll it into the empty net.

In the 7th minute Sharne caught the defence on the wing. Jankovics had a few moments earlier. Sharne ran from the half line and crossed to Jankovics at the other side of the penalty area. Jim Campbell flew at Jankovics' short cross in an attempt to head it into the bar for a corner but it went into the net inside to put Marconi into the lead.

Banovic made a brilliant reflex save to stop a powerful drive by Eddie Krncevic in the 20th minute and then referee Don Campbell overruled Heidelberg's claims for a penalty when Prskalo got in front of Paton in the box, laying himself open to charges of obstruction.

Prskalo then stopped good runs by Tansey and Paton before Maher finished off by Tansey, allowing Paton to beat John Russell and toe the ball over the line to make it 2-2 at half time.

Rooney started the move that led to the winning goal in the 56th minute. He speared a through ball to Buljevic who ran and shot. Maher failed to hold the ball and Paton was there to tap in from two metres. Banovic preserved the lead by tapping a good lob by Lindsay over the bar, and ending a shot that hit the post.

Shirt up, Dixie out

**ADELAIDE CITY 2
BRISBANE LIONS 0**

Scorers — Perin 58th, Nyskohus 57th.
Cautions: Deans (AC).
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.
Crowd: 3,200.
Referee: Richard Lorenz.
Weather: Mild.

Adelaide City rounded off the season with a convincing 2-0 win over struggling Brisbane Lions at Olympic Sports Field.

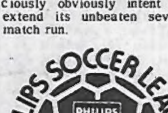
City, apart from a few anxious moments in the first half, were never in danger of defeat and gave another crisp display.

However Rale Rasic and his men were a disappointed outfit at the end when it was clear that Sydney City and Brisbane City had grabbed the two vacant spots in the top four.

But City can make up for that when it meets St George in the Philips Cup final on Sunday.

City wasted little time settling down against Brisbane Lions and clearly showed it meant business.

But Lions, emphasising its recent good form, fought tenaciously obviously intent to extend its unbeaten seven match run.



Col Bennett and Jim Hermoniston did an admirable job in Brisbane's defence but unfortunately lacked a quality player in midfield or attack.

Tony Brennan was well below form while Alan Hughes and Barrie Fairbrother showed their value only in patches.

John Perin began City's onslaught in the tenth minute with a cracking shot which flew wide of the far post.

Two minutes later John Nyskohus cracked a 25 metre shot but with little result.

Meanwhile Barrie Fairbrother sent a close range shot well wide in the 34th minute — Brisbane's first major attempt.

Referee Richard Lorenz infuriated the City fans for booking Dixie Deans after he rolled his shirt above his waist in a gesture against the linesman.

Deans was apparently upset over an off-side call from the linesman. He will now miss the Philips Cup final through suspension after accumulating 12 penalty points.

Rasic fumed with anger after Lorenz's curious decision and exchanged a few sharp words with him at half time.

The decision blotted Lorenz's record as he gave an otherwise intelligent display.

City swarmed all over Lions in the second half and could have opened the scoring in the 46th minute but Gary Marochi's point blank shot was blocked.

A minute later Deans headed powerfully but Lownds, who was supreme in the air, confidently clutched the ball.

But City exposed Lownds' ground play in the 56th minute.

Perin took a free kick 20 metres out, the ball was blocked but he snapped up the rebound and drove a low shot past Nigel Lownds.

Barely a minute later Agnew Muzil speared a ground pass to the far post where John Nyskohus tapped it in from two metres.

City went looking for a bonus point but failed to add to its score.

Perin fired a piledriver in the sixty fourth straight into Lownds chest and Deans fired a shot near the end but Lownds had little trouble controlling it.

Lions had a great chance in the 70th minute after Brennan found some space but Peter Marshall pulled off a fine save from Brennan's crisp rising shot.

Crucial goal by Katholos

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0
ST. GEORGE 1**

Scorer: Katholos 75th.
Ground: Bossley Park.
Crowd: 2,103.
Weather: Overcast and windy.
Referee: Stuart Mellings 7.

Raul Blanco's St George side finally avoided relegation by beating relegation rival Olympic 1-0 in an exciting and bruising match at Bossley Park.

With the result being so crucial to both sides, tempers often flared and at some stages the tackles could only be described as crude, ending in a total of six players collecting yellow cards from Melbourne referee Stuart Mellings.

Running towards the score-board end and with a strong wind behind its back, St George dominated the first half.

Roy Cotton had the ball in the Olympic net early on following a brilliant cross from Saints skipper George Harris. Unfortunately for the Saints it was disallowed for pushing.

The Saints' midfield and defence gave Olympic no room at all and it was only the great Olympic defence led by big Ritchie Bell that kept the Saints at bay.

In the 29th minute St George should have scored. Phil O'Connor, who was having trouble with the tenacious Derek Laing, finally broke free. Fenoughty met O'Connor's cross and beat keeper Peter Wilson, only to see sweeper Kenny Wilson clear off the line.

Olympic also had its chances. Both Jamieson and Cross had shots that troubled Fraser. Olympic started to look good and Andy Scott was laying off some neat balls to his oncoming midfield players.

One minute before half time, Olympic again relied on Kenny Wilson to clear off the line, this time from an O'Connor shot.

Olympic, knowing that a draw would suffice, must have really fancied itself to get the desired result, especially with the strong wind favouring them on the second half.

Jamieson had two full blooded drives whistling past the Saints goal and it looked very much that the Saints were in for a struggle to retain their P.S.L. status.

Blanco, realising he needed more power up front, replaced with Milalovic and Gavvi with Hensman. Playing with four forwards and two midfielders, the Saints played some very constructive soccer.

But the Saints' frustrated attempts in the first half and gradually put pressure on the Olympic back four.

In the 75th minute, St George midfielder John O'Shea took a long throw from the right and after a scramble, Peter Katholos rammed home the goal that gave St George victory.

John O'Shea and O'Connor for the Saints and Jennings and Laing for Olympic all had chances to score, but the Cotton was unable to replace St George to avoid relegation and unfortunately giving Olympic the humiliating task of re-appearing for a P.S.L. place next year along with South Melbourne.

For Olympic, Ritchie Bell played well while Scott and Jamieson battled hard. Saints best were George Harris, Doug Ustrenovic, John O'Shea, Robert O'Shea and Rudi Della-Picca.

Raul Blanco must be congratulated for the job he has done with St George since taking over from the previous coach Josef Gelei. However next year Saints supporters seem to see the Saints at the other end of the table and at least two new, experienced players must be added to the

Drinkwater KB's best

**NEWCASTLE KB 3
FOOTSCRAY JUST 0**

Scorers: Boden 21st, 24th and 35th minutes.
Crowd: 7422.
Referee: Tony Boskovic 8.5 points.
Ground: International Sports Centre.
Weather: Fine.
Cautions: 42nd O'Reilly (F) 68th Ristic (F) 83rd Curran (N.U.).

In what was probably his last game for Newcastle KB United in front of the local crowd, Ken Boden gave his many supporters something to remember him by.

Boden's brilliant performance of his transfer to Sydney City by scoring a fine hat trick against Footscray, all in the first 45 minutes.

Remarkably, all the goals were headed and once again, as has happened so many times this year, a bonus point looked a distinct possibility.

But Footscray came out in the second half a much more determined side and although Newcastle came close to scoring they just failed to clinch the vital goal.

The local team opened brightly but it took 21 minutes before they drew first blood, and it came in an unexpected way when Peter Orlerton, on the edge of his own penalty area, headed a cross back to goalkeeper Steve Potter, but Boden ripped in and headed it into the net.

That unexpected gift spurred Newcastle on and three minutes later they went further ahead.

This time it was a well-contrived move by teenagers McClelland and Trednick, culminating with Trednick sending in a brilliant cross almost from the corner flag. Boden rose majestically above the defence to score a magnificent goal.

Sensing a big win, Newcastle continued to press and once again were rewarded in the 39th minute.

From a free kick taken by Graham Heys on the right Boden once again forced Potter to retrieve the ball from the back of the net with a header save.

Footscray were quick to react with some fine breaks down the wings and twice appealed for a penalty when Joe Palinkas was brought down in the area but referee Boskovic turned down their request.

The second half opened with Footscray on the attack and a chance fell to Joe Piclaone but his right-foot shot hit the outside face of the upright.

That was probably their last chance to score, although they continued to play some good football, but repeatedly spoiled good moves with selfish shots when other players were better positioned.

Both teams played some good football in the second half with Newcastle desperately looking for the bonus point and Footscray trying to regain some respectability but neither side managed to breach the opposing defence.

Nevertheless it produced a fast and exciting brand of football that kept the 7422 spectators entertained until the final whistle.

The crowd's biggest cheer undoubtedly came with minutes remaining when it was announced that Roy Drinkwater had been voted Newcastle "KB" United Player of the Year for 1978.

Drinkwater, who was the villain during the 1978 season by figuring with Phil Dando in several incidents which resulted in own goals, redeemed himself completely this year with a string of good performances which if they did not make him the classiest centre back in the league, certainly made him the most consistent.

His reputation as KB player of the year was thoroughly deserved.

South Melbourne scored the winner from a great header by Baxter, but alas, the ever present Evans was offside and the goal was disallowed. I get irked by the decision to disallow a goal for such an offence, but the laws of the game are to be adhered to and Evans will regret being offside, cancelling such an effort from Baxter.

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An appeal by South Melbourne players was turned down by Mr. Allen.

Rampanti a magician

**APIA 2
SOUTH MELBOURNE 1**

Scorers: Drows 20th, Ristovski 48th, Stone 68th.
Ground: Wentworth Park.
Crowd: 850.
Referee: K. Allen 5.
Cautions: Alan Evans, Resurio Rampanti, the man who came to Australia with a big reputation came to life in the game against South Melbourne and proved beyond any doubt that he could be a match winner.

It is unfortunate that only a handful of spectators turned up on this blustery day to see what one might describe as, the "hats of the two rats".

Had they turned up they would have seen a sparkling display from one of Italy's great sons.

Resurio Rampanti, the forgotten man of the Australia's rebuilt national team, found Rampanti an easy target as the Italian roamed about the park. In return Stone was very often the recipient of well-timed passes from Rampanti.

It was this combination of Rampanti and Stone that made that slender difference in the final score and gave APFA its second win in the last three weeks.

Peter Stone started the move that resulted in the first goal. His pass found Rampanti who ran to the line before the ball crossed the area for Drows to slam one into the roof of the net. In fact, the ball hit the crossbar then landed behind the goal line before settling against the inside netting.

A crashing drive by Rampanti in the 29th minute just missed the upright with Boland somewhat straddled. With ten minutes to go to half time, that Rampanti magic was on again. He drew two defenders before eluding Mick Pye then pushing a low cross towards Brian O'Donnell at the near post. O'Donnell failed to control the ball and this slender chance was gone.

South Melbourne, playing against the wind in this half, tried heavily on the speed of Ristovski and the tenacity of Evans in their counterattacks but failed to create an opportunity until the 37th minute of the first half.

Campbell found Ristovski on the edge of the area and the speedy winger managed to elude Pullen on this occasion but failed miserably with his shot. With Woodhouse in the man land, Ristovski shot over the bar.

Campbell tried a twenty metre shot with minutes to go before half time, but Woodhouse made a splendid save.

Almost from the kick off in the second half, South Melbourne showed intention of using this strong wind to its advantage. A shot by Campbell in the 48th minute was parried by Woodhouse to Evans. With an acute angle to shoot from, Evans decided to lob Woodhouse for Ristovski to chest it. With Woodhouse in the man land, Ristovski shot over the bar.

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The recent under 16 national championships set me wondering again about the low standard of skill of our young Australian players.

On the big pitch at the impressive St George stadium I watched boys giving 100 per cent physical commitment, yet how rare it was to see a moment of sheer skill.

These were the best players in the nation at under 16 age level but almost all of them were devoid of poise and artistry.

Those few who possessed it were seldom able to show it in the soccer "battles" which took place four times a day.

I suppose I should not have been disappointed.

The players are products of our unsatisfactory junior soccer system which rewards the strong and the willing with trophies but gives little to encourage skill.

Australian soccer is more than 100 years old, yet its local players

rarely rise above third or fourth division English standards.

The English Football League is only 80 years old, whereas Sydney's State league club Granville is 100 years old.

There are three main reasons why young Australian players do not develop the skills of the European counterparts.

One is the crazy junior system which pitches them into 11 a-side games on full-sized fields from the age of five.

Another is the lack of good models for youngsters to base their games upon. Few of them go to professional games or see top soccer on television.

I, like most of my era, never received any coaching whatsoever.

Yet we were able to develop reasonable skills, in some cases superlative skills, simply by imitating professional stars.

Aussie youngsters seldom see such Soccer stars and never on a regular basis, as they can see tennis stars, or the heroes of cricket, Aussie Rules and Rugby League.



MIKE JOHNSON

The alternative for our young players is to receive a thorough grounding in the skills of the game from an extremely competent coach.

This happens too rarely at junior level, where the chase after trophies denudes the players of skill.

The games I saw on the St George stadium were an upgraded version of "kick forward and chase," which the players had been playing most of their young lives.

One Sydney district, Manly, has tried to change this pattern by taking its players under 10 years out of its competition and putting

them into six leagues where there are no minor premiers, so grand final winner and no-one is relegated.

The games are there to be won — children always like to win — but they are also meant to be fun and to develop individual skills.

The games are played on small areas and the goals are also reduced in size.

I congratulate Richard Alagish, director of coaching for the Manly district for getting this scheme going.

On the other hand I do not believe it should be up to each junior district to set its own rules for young players.

It is a job for the Australian Soccer Federation.

Our soccer hierarchy has known for years that our junior system is not developing skillful players.

That being the case it should start to do something about it.

The current activity of the ASF's junior development officer, the recently appointed Brian Emery, is among the elite of our young players, such as those we saw at the national under 16 championships.

The sponsorship money being provided by Coca-Cola, \$1.3 million for junior soccer, is going almost exclusively to help prepare this young elite for our junior World Cup challenges.

Attention must also be directed at the very grass roots of our soccer where the basic skills are developed.

The basic skills of soccer are learned mainly before the age of 16. It is very hard to rectify bad habits learned by youngsters in the receptive years 9-11.

With persuasion or if needed, coercion, it should be possible for the ASF to have a system, similar to that used by Manly for its very young players, adopted by every junior club in every State and district in Australia.

During my years at Sutherland and St George I was involved in the early development of many young players who went on to win national team places with Australia. John Roche, Alan Griffiths, Col Bennett, Steve Perry, Brendan Grosse, John O'Shea, Neville Morgan and Mark Jankovics all have made a big impact on the Australian soccer scene.

Yet all of these players were terribly devoid of skill as young teenagers.

Dedication and determination brought massive improvements, yet how much better could all of them have become if only they had received the correct grounding as boys.

With Australia's soccer future being put at the feet of our locally developed players it is imperative that our junior set-up be recognised.

If not, another 100 years will see us still as far behind the rest of the world as we are now.

It took Holland only 15 years to revolutionise its soccer — why not Australia?

Russell: unsung hero of Marconi

After a shaky start, Marconi has finished strongly to win the Philips League championship comfortably. It is the first easy title victory since the league started.

Many players have had praise heaped on them during the season but one of them has been overlooked.

John Russell was not in Marconi's early-season plans but he went from strength to strength during the championship and, apart from maestro Ivo Prskalo, he was Marconi's most consistent defender.

Russell, who joined Marconi from APIA, showed all the class and discipline that made him an international player against the Soviet Union early in his career.

Well done, Russell, Prskalo and the rest of the boys. Only Marconi deserved the league title. Congratulations to all.

Since I've been in Adelaide I've had the opportunity to observe Martyn Crook regularly. The performances this goalkeeper puts on for his club are absolutely phenomenal.

What's more, he does it week in, week out.

His one big drawback is that he was not properly coached early in his career and therefore lacks some of the fund-



RALE RASIC

amentals. However, his reflexes are amazing, his courage tremendous and since Ron Corry there has not been a goalkeeper with such superb distribution.

The fact that West Adelaide was able to hold Adelaide City scoreless for 80 minutes two weeks ago was a tribute to his ability.

Yet one wonders why such a fantastic player has not managed to show off his great talent for his State side or for the national team. Some of his State games were very bad and he did not live up to Rudi Gutendorf's expectations in national trials either.

Perhaps the answer is that he should be given more games. Irrespective of the bad ones he has had. With more representative matches behind him, he should become more confident.



John Russell directs his defence.

Cosmos visit will make legends come to life

I'm certain all soccer fans will be delightfully entertained when the New York Cosmos play in Australia later next month.

I certainly was when I saw them play in New York recently.

The Cosmos have assembled an unprecedented array of big name talent from all continents (Australia excepted). Their visit presents the chance to see such legendary greats as Beckenbauer in action.

The Cosmos will play in Melbourne on October 21, Sydney on October 24 and Newcastle on October 28.

Thanks to almost unlimited financial backing from their owners, Warner Communications, the Cosmos have put together such fine players that they are now one of the most sought-after teams in the world.

To last year's North American Soccer League championship-winning team they have added Dutch World Cup stars Johan Neeskens and Wim Rijsbergen as well as Brazilian ace defender Marinho.

And according to the club's marketing director Dominic Flora, the Cosmos will add another two world superstars shortly.



WARREN

For me, the attraction of the Cosmos is that in one team you can see so many world stars and at the one time.

The Cosmos have also adopted the policy of signing only skilled players. This, combined with their appeal to so many nationalities and to the sporting public of Australia, should ensure that their visit attracts huge crowds.

The night I saw them play at their home ground, the Giants Stadium in New Jersey, they hammered San Jose Earthquakes 5-0 with goals from Tuart 3, Davis and Marinho.

Their line up that evening was:

Goalkeeper: Hubert Birkenmeier; recommended to the Cosmos by Beckenbauer, and joined early this year from German Second Division club FC Freiburg.

Defence: Eskandarlar: well known to Australian fans as the Iranian fullback who helped beat Australia in the 1978 World Cup elimination matches. Played for the World Cup All Stars against the Cosmos following last year's World Cup.

Carlos Alberto. World Cup-winning Brazilian captain in 1970. 73 caps for Brazil, played for Santos, Flamengo and Fluminense in Brazil.

Wim Rijsbergen, 30 caps for Holland, signed from French

first Division club, Bastia. Member of the highly successful Dutch team in its 1974 and 1978 World Cup campaigns.

Marinho, member of the 1974 Brazilian World Cup team and the only Brazilian named in the "World Team" of the 1974 series.

Midfield: Johan Neeskens, signed from FC Barcelona on a five-year contract and described by the Cosmos as "the type of player needed to make the Cosmos the finest team in the world within the next five years." 46 caps for Holland.

Franz Beckenbauer: Former captain of West Germany, former European Player of the Year.

Vladislav Bogicevic: Over 500 appearances for Red Star played in 1974 World Cup with Yugoslavia and 47 caps.

Ricky Davis, 20-year-old American-born player rated as the best young talent in the



Win Rijsbergen

North American Soccer League.

Forwards: Dennis Tuart, former Manchester City forward with seven caps for England.

Mark Liverie: United States national team player.

Missing from the Cosmos that evening was star forward and leading goal scorer Giorgio Chinaglia who was serving a one-match suspension.

Soccer has broken through as a major sport in North America.

The Cosmos have attracted crowds of 78,000 to their home ground, the Giants Stadium in New Jersey.

The game in North America is discussed everywhere and is given wide coverage on radio, TV and the papers.

Unlike many other sports in North America, soccer boasts the youngest following and the highest average attendance from females.

It has not always been so.

When Warner Communications Inc. acquired the North American Soccer League franchise in New York in 1970 the city had been without a team for two years.

The last NASL team in that city, the Generals, had gone down in a sea of red ink.

The Cosmos were launched in 1971 and although they won the championship in 1972 it wasn't until the signing of Pele in 1975 that the game really took off against such professional opposition as American football, basketball, baseball and ice hockey.

Pele did for soccer what Babe Ruth did for baseball.

He made soccer important not only because he was a superstar, a superb athlete, an extraordinary player, but also because of his enthusiasm, charisma and the instant bond he forged with the kids and their parents.

After Pele came Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto, Tuart, Bogicevic, Marinho, Neeskens, Chinaglia and Rijsbergen.

And with them came record crowds — average home attendance of almost 50,000 which is bigger than baseball's



Dennis Tuart



Giorgio Chinaglia

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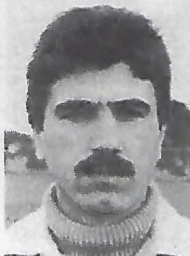
AR Split, standing from left: F. Rezo (secretary), M. Vlaovic, N. Vulic, Z. Tusek, Z. Holovka, L. Matic, D. Alimic, B. Kuzmar (coach), Frankston: S. Sabljak, I. Turicar, I. Milanovic, F. Franjic, N. Jugovic, I. Cesljar. Missing: F. Baser, M. Jurijevic, M. Vidic.

Promoted three times

AR Split's record:
1977: Runner-Up in Division Four West, finalist Black Douglas Cup.
1978: Winner of Division Three West.
1979: Winner of Division Two, finalist Black Douglas Cup.
Also, Monash seven-a-side winners of 1978 and 1979 and the Heidelberg seven-a-side tournament, 1979.
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BRANKO KUZMAR, 29
player-coach.



MATE DIMAC, 30
captain, ex-Essendon Croatia, sweeper.



IVICA TURICAR, 29
midfielder, former Croatia and Keilor Austria player.



MILJENKO VLAOVIC, 26
midfielder, ex-Croatia.



F. REZO, secretary.



IVICA CESLJAR, 33
striker, played for Croatia and Makedonia, with Split since 1977.



LEO MATIC, 31
goalkeeper, former Essendon Lions, Kodak and Roman Leathergoods player.



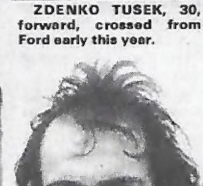
ZELJKO HOLOVKA, 22
forward with good speed and nose for goal, ex-Keilor Austria.

Presentations

Split Soccer Club will have its presentation night at Fawkner Community Hall, Jukes Rd., off Sydney Rd., Fawkner, on Saturday, October 13.



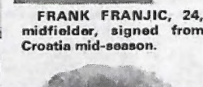
MISO VIDIC, 25, arrived from Borovo in 1977.



ZDENKO TUSEK, 30, forward, crossed from Ford early this year.



IVICA MILANOVIC, 30, midfielder, crossed from Latrobe University this year.



FRANK FRANJIC, 24, midfielder, signed from Croatia mid-season.



NIKOLA VULIC, 28, left back, joined 1977.



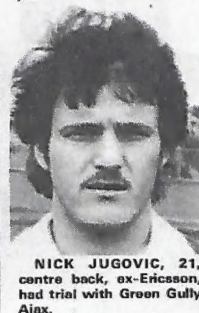
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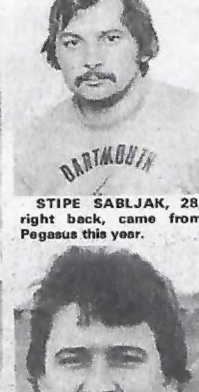
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TARAX

Tarax, the 1978 Black Douglas Cup winner, is stronger than ever following the acquisition of three Victorian representative players this season.

This makes Tarax red hot favorite to retain the Tarax Cup when it meets AR Split in the 1979 final at Middle Park this Sunday.

The three former Footscray JUST stars joined the Tarax ranks to make the club one of the most powerful outfits in the Victorian Industrial League.

New players Dan Zoraja, Danny Lukic and Andy Kazl are now the backbone of the Tarax team.

Zoraja was an ace goalscorer for JUST, scoring 76 goals in the STATE League and winning many honors with the club. He represented Victoria nine times against such opponents as Hertha U3, the Welsh FA, Dundee, Cruzeiro and Romania 'B'.

Zoraja had a splendid career with Footscray JUST, and was one of the club's greatest forwards. Such was his reputation that in 1978, with Footscray struggling and Zoraja retired, the then coach Cedo Ciricovic lamented: "If only Dan Zoraja were a couple of years younger."

Andy Kazl played two seasons in the Philips League before retiring from top grade soccer at the end of last season. Kazl was a nonspectacular but consistent player with Footscray. He represented Victoria on six occasions.

He played against top overseas teams like Legia Warsaw, Ferencvaros and Bristol Rovers.

Danny Lukic was with Hakoah



Tarax, standing from right Barry Davis, Dante Moyan Tadic. Front: Ratko Rad Hadziavdic, Mik

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Zoraja in action
his former club,
Footscray J.U.S.T.

After his career with
cray, but was out of soccer
spell before being released
back to Tarax.
made two appearances
Victoria, against the English
and South Australia.
Zoraja made a big switch when
joined Tarax. Instead of knock-
goals, he decided it was time
opped a few.
now plays centre half along
Andy Kazi, who is the sweep.
didn't mind switching to
ce," said Zoraja, "because I
get the chance to play a bit of
football from there.
However, when I see one of our
ards missing easy chances, I

think I would like to go forward for
a while and see if I can do any bet-
ter!"

Zoraja paid a compliment to
Kazi.
"Andy is still very fast, and he
gives good cover to the rest of the
defence," he said. "In fact, I think
our defence is probably the strong-
est area of the team."

With the defence being so
strong, the work of the goalkeeper
is reduced. However, when called
upon, Tarax's goalkeeper Sandor
Kazi is reliable in a crisis.

"Sandor has been in top form
this season," said Dan, "and he's
probably the best goalkeeper in the
Industrial League."
Tarax has conceded about 20
goals, but Sandor hasn't had one
bad game.

Lukic has slotted into the Tarax
midfield, and has done a fine job.

"Danny is still pretty fit, and is
the playmaker in the midfield,"
said Zoraja. "He's also managed to
attack from midfield."

Also in the midfield are Mike
Kresinger and Dante Moyano.
Adamovic, the coach and
goalscorer of the team.

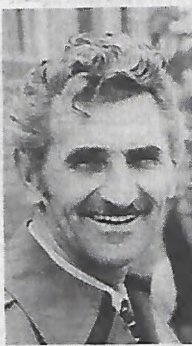
Adamovic recently returned
from a trip to Yugoslavia.

Another experienced player is
Ibro Hadziabdic, the former
Croatia and Kellor Austria player.

AR Split is in the Second Divi-
sion of the Industrial League, but
Zoraja said the Tarax players
wouldn't be over-confident.

"We will treat this game like
any other, and will not be relax-
ing," said Dan. "I hope there is a
big crowd to see the game."

Tarax would be even stronger
had it not been for star full back
Bernie Griffiths breaking a leg
mid-season. Griffiths, who run
Harry Gregory Photographic
Studio in Springvale, took the
Tarax pictures on this page.



STEVE ZAKOMARAK,
Tarax's team manager. He has
represented Australia and is a
founder member of Footscray
J.U.S.T. He played with JUST
during 1952-62.



VELJKO "JOHNNY"
TADIC, Committeeman who has
been with Tarax five years.



DAVID CHANT, Secretary
of Tarax.



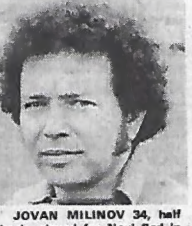
MILO ADAMOVIC,
captain and sole selector, ex-
OFK Belgrade, Yugoslav under
21 team, J.U.S.T. and Alexan-
der. Top goalscorer in League.



RATKO RADOVANOVIC,
Committeeman with the club
for five years.



DAN ZORAJA, former top
goalscorer of Footscray JUST,
in his first season with Tarax.



JOVAN MILINOV 34, half
back, played for Novi Sad in
Yugoslavia and for JUST.



MIKE BIKICKI, who joined
Tarax from JUST Juniors.



ANDY KAZI, the long-
serving Footscray JUST de-
fender in his first season with
Tarax.



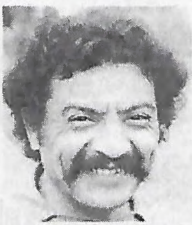
SANDOR KAZI, 34, best
goal-keeper in the Industrial
League, ex JUST. Brother of
JUST full back Andy Kazi.



DRAGAN PANTIC, 24, mid-
fielder, ex-Belgrade metro lea-
gue. Joined from McCall.



DANNY LUKIC, the former
Footscray JUST player who
joined Tarax from Hakoah.



DANTE MOYANO, Argenti-
nian who played in the State
League for Melbourne.



BARRY DAVIS, 35, centre
half, ex-Arsenal juniors. Five
seasons with Tarax.



MIKE KRESINGER, 23, for-
ward, ex-Yugul junior, Ring-
wood Wilhelmina two years,
best player for Tarax in 1977.



IBRO HADZIABDIC, 36,
played in Yugoslavia for Mapr-
edal. Was with Croatia and
Kellor-Austria in Victoria.
Captain of Tarax.



MIGUEL PENA, who joined
the club recently from ACI
Box Hill. The Chilean repre-
sented the Industrial League
in 1977 and 1978.



Steve Zakomarak, Dragan Pantic, Miguel Pena,
Jim Bickicki, Danny Lukic, Andy Kazi, Johnny
Moyano, David Chant, Mike Kresinger, Ibro
Bickicki, Sandor Kazi, Jovan Milinov.

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COLYER SHOCKS TARAX

There was a surprise four-goal victory for Colyer Watson Rovers over a scoreless Tarax when the two teams met in front of a large crowd.

Tarax attempted to play fancy shots which were foiled by the youthful Rovers.

The first goal came when the ball was passed from player to player until it reached Cane Trajkovski who took a considered goal, placing it squarely into the corner of the net to beat.

Two minutes before the half-time whistle blew, their second goal came from Charlie Govelli.

Covelli and Trajkovski repeated their performance and demoralized the Tarax team who appeared to give up the fight towards the end.

Ansett sealed their top position on the ladder after beating Pegasus 2-1.

Ansett played against the wind in the first half yet still were leading 2-0 at the break.

Pegasus were on top for most of the second term and had most of the attack, scoring the only goal for the half from a penalty.

The goal of the match was probably from Graeme Haynes who headed the ball into the back of the net from a corner kick.

Philip Morris failed to rise from the bottom of Division 2 after being defeated 12-0 by A.N.Z. Bank.

FEDERATION CUP

KEILOR AUSTRIA 5 (Craig 2, Ganglmair, Feretis, Tralic) FITZROY ALEXANDER 1.

Austria team: Bryden, Althelm, Johnstone, Grbac, Brewerton, Webb, Feretis, Campbell (C. Gerick), Craig, Ganglmair, Schaeffer (Tralic).

Best players: Craig, Feretis, Webb.

Austria should have been credited with six goals, as one was disallowed after having gone through the bottom of the net. Apparently the referee and the linesman were not sure whether or not it was a goal.

It was the second week that Austria had scored five goals. In the first round of the Cup it thrashed First Division champion Western Suburbs 5-0, and must therefore be regarded as favorite to win the Cup.

Austria will have its Oktoberfest Ball at St. Kilda Town Hall on October 12. There will be two continental bands, four-course dinner, floor show and the judging of the Miss Oktoberfest Queen.

POLONIA - MARIBYRNONG 3 (Sekulski 17th min; Gawlik pen. 83rd; Lalic 89th). MOORABBIN 1 (Bris 88th).

Maribyrnong: - Dzielakowski, Szewka, J. Dimitriou, J. Pater, Rachwalski, Horfiniak, P. Czaplak (In), R. Lipiarski (51st min), Gawlik, Sekulski, Esposito (Lalic 7 Time), Krysiński.

Polonia held a successful presentation night on Saturday and centre back Jan Gawlik is the winner of the best and fairest award.

Last year's winner Peter Czaplak was runner-up and full back Jim Dimitriou won the best clubman award.

Forward Richard Sekulski was top scorer; midfielder Ron Horfiniak the most improved and forward Mike Pichner best first year player.

In the reserves goalkeeper Eddie Sorokowski won the best and fairest award; Ted Lipiarski most improved; Steve Morris best clubman. Tony Altieri top scorer and his brother Phil the most courageous Award.

BOX HILL 1 (Taylor) FOOTSCRAY JUST 0

BOX HILL: Morgan - Copland, Brownlie, Leskovec, K. Patterson - G. McLeod, I. McLeod - Taylor, Corke, Valentine, St. Patterson.

Best: I. McLeod, Valentine, Corke, Leskovec.

The draw for the quarter-finals: Kellor-Austria v Polonia, Box Hill v Doveton, Knox City v Morwell Falcons, Collingwood City v Springvale City.

The games will be played at the ground of the first listed teams on Saturday.

Cup final at Sunshine

Geelong and Nunawading City will clash in the Victorian Provincial League Cup final at Chaplin Reserve, Anderson Road, Sunshine, at 2.45 pm on Saturday.

The provisional League representative team will meet Sunshine City in the curtain-raiser at 1 pm.

Cup semi-final details: Nunawading 2 (Sheba pen. 1st, van de Maat 70th) Moe United 1 (Mason 87th), Geelong 3 (Pageant 15th, Robson 28th, Gray 77th.) University of Melbourne 2 (Corr pen. 43rd, Fridell 53rd).

FLEMING MEDAL

A dinner to mark the 1979 Bill Fleming Medal for the State League Player of the Year will be held at the Vineyard Restaurant, Acland Street, St. Kilda, next Tuesday night.

The six finalists will be guests of the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association whose members vote for the medal winner.

Club officials who want to attend should book with ASPA secretary Steve Kalus (20-7323).

Previous winners of the Medal: 1971: Jim Pyrgolios (5th Melb Hellas); 1972: John Gardiner (George Cross); 1973: Frank Mucic (J.U.S.T.); 1974: Jim Armstrong (5th Melb Hellas); 1975: Billy Vojtek (Juventus); 1976: Jim Tansey (Slavia); 1977: Mick Watkins (Juventus); 1978: Tommy Cumming (Jersey).

MAKEDONIA 3 JUVENTUS 0

Scorers: McMillan (2) 60th, 85th, Cullen 78th.

Ground: S. T. Connor Reserve

Crowd: 3000 (double header).

Referee: Dennis Voutasinos

Cautions: Flavell (M), Sabidini, Vaughan (J).

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 - Rainey 7, Higham 7, Flavell 7, Beech 7 - Faulkner 6, Petrovski 5, Lovelaid 7 - Cullen 5, McMillan 5, Ward 8.

JUVENTUS: Rolly 9 - Sabidini 7, Vaughan 5, Della Rocca 7, Tarquinio 8 - Smith 4, Berbia 5, Sabidini 1 - injured (Cullen 4, 5th minute) - Gillan 5, McGuinness 6, Henry 5.

With Claude Lucchese suspended, and Bruno Sabidini taken off injured after only five minutes play, the Juventus midfield was non-existent against Preston Makedonia.

This left Preston with the easy task of slaughtering the lame Juventus outfit, which it did without ever getting into top gear.

George McMillan, Robert Cullen and Gary Ward had a field day as only a few Juventus players went into combat against the 11 Preston troops. Jack Reilly, Fausto Tarquinio, Pat Della Rocca and Serge Sabidini fought against enormous odds.

Otherwise, Juventus was woeful, especially when victory would have earned a place in the State League Cup series. Juve struggled from the outset, and was battered into submission.

However, the brilliant Reilly thwarted all goalkeeping attempts until the 60th minute, which is a feat in itself, considering the number of chances Makedonia made.

The Juventus midfield failed miserably to work as a defensive unit, allowing Makedonia to win the ball with ease. Smith, Crino and Berbia failed to mark opposition midfielders running into attacking positions and offered little assistance to the overworked defence.

Coach Tony Boggi switched winger Tony Henry and Crino, but the move brought no improvement.

Henry was starved of the ball up front, which prevented him displaying his considerable ball skills.

This left Bobby McGuinness with

an impossible task to create any openings, and in the end he dropped back to help his ailing defence.

Makedonia's first chance came when a quick free kick to Ljube Petrovski enabled him to cross for Eric Lesbire to head towards goal.

Reilly flung himself sideways to push the header around the post for a corner.

Seen after, Cullen bobbed up on the far post, 'nut-megged' Reilly with his shot only to see Tarquinio clear target.

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Cumming, Gardiner inspire Croatia

CROATIA 3

ALTONA 1

Scorers: Croatia - Gilder 6th, Murphy 10th, Paleka 10th Altona - Innes 8th.

Ground: Olympic Park.

ESSENDON v CROATIA: Frankje Adams, Kokoska, Gardiner, Blavner - Andrews, Murphy, Kralina (Batovino) - Cumming, Gilder, Paleka.

ALTONA City: van der Poel - Lewis, Grahmshagen (Waters 25th min), Hird - Innes, Whyte, J. Little (Gambini), Train - N. Little, Taylor.

Essendon Croatia became only the third club to retain a State League championship when it defeated Altona City 3-1.

Since the first State League championship was contested in 1956, only Polonia and South Melbourne Hellas have been able to win the championship in successive years.

Polonia, with Jurecki and Janczyk the stars, won the State League in 1960 and '61. South Melbourne, inspired by Mantrakis and Pyrgolios, went one better and lifted the title in 1964, '65 and '66.

Tommy Cumming and John Gardiner will be remembered as the key figures in Croatia's championship successes in 1978 and '79.

These two stars led Croatia to

the setback in its stride and regained the lead when Ken Murphy penetrated the centre of the Altona defence and scored from 10 metres with a well-timed shot.

The championship was brought so much closer when Boris Paleka slotted home a pass from Cumming to make it 3-1 after 18 minutes.

The score remained at half time and in the second 45 minutes, Croatia was in control. However, Altona applied pressure, and the match was very much alive to the end.

Altona had to reshuffle its side when Rob Gramberg suffered a back strain. Harry Hird switched to centre half and George Train moved to full back to allow Walters to play in the midfield.

Best players for Croatia were Cumming, Gardiner, Gilder and Paleka. Altona's best were Hans van der Poel, Peter Lewis, Billy Whyte, Harry Hird and George Walters.

RESERVES TOO?

Essendon Croatia will try to win the second leg of its championship double at Olympic Park No. 2 on Saturday.

Croatia reserves will play Slavia reserves in a league fixture, with Croatia requiring victory to retain the State League reserve championship.

At present, Croatia is two points behind Frankston City reserves, but will win the title on goal difference if it can defeat Slavia.

Should the Croatia reserve team do this, it will be a case of history repeating itself. Essendon Croatia won the senior championship on goal difference from Frankston City.

The original Croatia/Slavia reserve game was abandoned after fighting broke out on the field.

The match on Saturday kicks off at 1 pm.

GEO. CROSS 3 CROYDON 2

Scorers: George Cross - Cowan (2) 10th, 87th, Graham 76th Croydon - McCombe 23rd, Tront pen. 84th.

Ground: Olympic Park.

GEORGE CROSS: Matsdon - Cusnar, Hooper, Matfield, Barron - Castiello, Graham, Wilson - Morgan (Wilson), Cowan, Thom (Peters half time).

CROYDON City: Edwards - Spink, McCombe, Pome, Holson - McKinlay, Murphy, Tront - Wylie (House half time), Brogan, Loughead.

Croydon City's place in the State League Cup was thrown into jeopardy by the 3-2 defeat to George Cross.

The anxious Croydon camp had to wait 24 hours after the defeat last Saturday, and hope Juventus lost or drew with Preston Makedonia. Preston won 3-0, thus helping Croydon 'live in the four'.

Two goals from Dunstable Town striker Tony Cowan set George Cross on the path to victory. Cowan, who has scored nine goals since

joining the club earlier this season, is George Cross' best buy of 1979.

Cowan put the 'Cross into the lead after 10 minutes with a header, but this goal was nullified by Steve McCombe in the 23rd minute.

George regained the lead in the 66th minute when Tony Castiello broke down the flank and squared for Martin Graham to slot the ball home.

Croydon, which was struggling to find balance in the midfield, evened the score six minutes from time with a hotly-disputed penalty.

Matson was penalised for allegedly dragging down Tront, who converted the penalty.

The angry George Cross fans were soon happy again when Cowan grabbed the winner three minutes later.

Best players for George Cross were Derek Barron, Castiello and Norm Matfield. Croydon's best were Jimmy Spink, Brogan and Tront.



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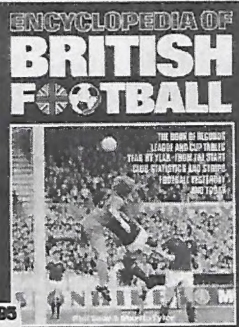
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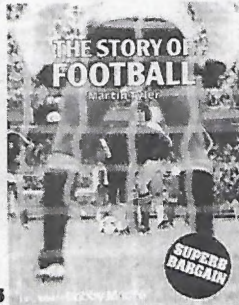
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VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

with Kyle Patterson

ALBION 0 HAKOAH 0

Ground: Selwyn Park
ALBION ROVERS: Johnson -
McIntyre, Nisbet, Blair, Gatt -
D'Sylva, Reilly, Thompson -
McCormack, Saliba (Wark), Gre-
chan.

HAKOAH: O'Hara - Owen,
Doser, Baker, Daperis - McNeil,
Topolanski, Jordenius - Rooney,
Geddes, Lok.

With freedom well within its
reach, Albion Rovers faltered and
failed to pull off the great escape
for the second year running.

Albion is now banished to the
Metropolitan First Division after
coming so close to fighting off re-
legation. The Rovers had two
seasons in the State League after
winning promotion in 1977.

SUNSHINE 2 SLAVIA 0

Scorers: R. Nelson 53rd, K. Coyle
87th.

Ground: B.T. Connor Reserve
Crowd: 3,000 (double header)
Referee: Roger Powell 7
Cautions: R. Nelson (50), Brindle

(85)
SUNSHINE: Cortini 6 - Diney 6,
Ella 6, Lowe 7, Howe 7 - Muscat 6,
R. Nelson 7, Laing 5 (Paisley 52nd
min) - K. Coyle 5, Gilmour 6,
McRobert 6 (8 Coyle 82nd min).

SLAVIA: Neri 6 - Thompson 6,
Lawson 7, Cullen 7, Train 5 -
Brindle 6, Pye 5 (Houston 67th
min), Aldridge 6 - McMoran 7
(Guthrie 80th min), Monaghan 6,
Williams 7.

Prahran Slavia was given a great
trick by Sunshine City, which grab-
bed two late goals that put Slavia in
danger of relegation.

The Slavia/Sunshine match
finished around 3.10 pm, which left
the Prahran boys to spend a nervous
two hours waiting for the result of
the Albion Rovers/Hakoah game to
come through to Connor Reserve.
Had Albion won, it would have
moved above Slavia and retained its
State League membership.

However, it was smiles all

Albion down

Albion took the field against
Hakoah knowing relegation-
troubled Prahran Slavia had lost
2-0. That result paved the way for
Albion to remain in the State Le-
gue.

The Rovers had to defeat Hakoah
but the St. Kilda club held firm. The
draw gave Albion one point, which
enabled it to draw level with Slavia
on points, but still finish bottom on
goal difference.

The players who broke Albion's
heart were goalkeeper Mike O'Hara
and defenders Anton Doser, Jim
Daperis and David Baker of Ha-
koah.

These four defended stoutly and
refused to bend under Albion's wave
of second half pressure.

But Albion did have chances to
win the match, and the memory of
Kit Grechan twice hitting the
workweek will not be easily erased.

Grechan had two good chances,
as did big Bill McCormack but the
ball wouldn't go into the net. Ha-
koah, on the other hand, had two
good chances early in the game
when Sean Rooney worked well.

In the last 15 minutes, Albion
stormed forward, but the Hakoah
defence was too solid. Albion's last
chance came when a cross by Gerry
Reilly slid across the face of goal
with Billy McIntyre and Grechan a
metre away, but unable to make
contact.

Every Albion player put in a
great effort, but still coach Bill
McArthur and his boys couldn't
manage to secure the all-important
points.

FRANKSTON 2 GG AJAX 0

Scorers: Mitten pen. 70th,
Swinscoe 71st.

FRANKSTON: Patterson - V.
Bannon, McCusker, T. Young,
Taylor - G. Bannon, Cooper, Tul-
loch - Swinscoe, Mitten, B. Young.

AJAX: Denny - Patten, Donald-
son, Klerin, Crilly - Vojtek, Vassallo
- Segi, Bellar, Bernie, Perkins.

Frankston City used the psy-
chological play of telling its players
at half time that championship
rivals Essendon Croatia managed
only a 4-4 draw in their first half
against Albion City.

The play worked, as Frankston
took command in the second half
and rattled home two goals. How-
ever, Croatia in fact was winning
3-1 at half time against Albion, an
advantage it maintained until the
final whistle.

Croatia won the championship
from Frankston on goal difference,
leaving Frankston to reflect on a
season when it headed the ladder
for 19 of the 22 rounds, but still
didn't win the championship.

Bruce Young was Frankston's
best player, and earned the penalty
that led to the first goal.
Billy Vojtek and Willie Vassallo
were Ajax's best.

Voting

This week's votes in the
'Soccer Action' player of the
year award

MAKEDONIA v JUVENTUS
3 Cullen (Mak)
2 McMillan (Mak)

1 Reilly (Juve)

SUNSHINE v SLAVIA

3 Muscat (Suns)

2 Ellis (Suns)

1 Williams (Slav)

GEO. CROSS v CROYDON

3 Barron (Geo)

2 Spink (Croy)

1 Castiello (Geo)

ALBION v HAKOAH

3 Reilly (Alb)

2 O'Hara (Hak)

1 Dosen (Hak)

ALBION v ALTONA

3 Cumming (Cro)

2 Gardiner (Cro)

1 van der Poel (Alb)

FRANKSTON v AJAX

3 B. Young (Frank)

2 T. Young (Frank)

1 Vojtek (Ajax)

'Soccer Action' player of the
year award - final standings.

Leading votegetters -

27 Cullen (Mak).

26 McGuinness (Juve).

23 Cumming (Croy).

21 Whyte (Alb).

18 Williams (Slav).

16 T. Young (Frank), Ellis
(Suns).

14 Pongho (Croy), B. Young
(Frank).

13 R. Nelson (Suns).

12 Gilder (Croat), C. Luc-
chesi (Juve).

11 Adams (Frank), Cowan
(Geo), Loh, Topolanski (Hak),
Aldridge (Slav), McMillan
(Mak).

Leading goalscorers -

15 Ward (Mak).

11 Swinscoe, Mitten
(Frank), McMillan (Mak).

9 Brogan (Croy), Cumming
(Croat), Cowan, Paparas
(Geo), Loh (Hak), McGuin-
ness (Slav), Cullen
(Mak).

7 McCormack (Alb), Cullen,
Murphy (Croat).

Big match Sunday

The 1978 Dockerty Cup final
kicks off at 3 pm at Olympic
Park No. 1 oval this Sunday,
September 30.

The Harry Armstrong Re-
serve Cup final between Green
Gully Ajax and Prahran Slavia
is the curtain-raiser, starting
at 1 pm.

Sydney team for series

Juventus, George Cross,
Broadmeadows and West Hol-
royd will clash in a tourna-
ment at Laura Douglas Reserve,
Broadmeadows this week-
end.

West Holroyd plays in the
NSW Third Division, and will
challenge the three Victorians
for the prizemoney.

The action starts on Satur-
day, September 29 at 2 pm. On
Sunday, the games will start at
1 pm.

New goalie

Frankston City has signed a
goalkeeper from Scottish
Second Division club Alloa.

Stan Drummond, 21, will be
in Melbourne in time to play in
the 1980 Ampol Cup series.

The signing is not affected
by the new import restrictions
because Drummond is coming
to Australia as a bona fide mi-
grant.

However, Frankston may
lose utility Alex Tulloch, who
is returning to Britain.
Reports suggest veteran de-
fender Alan Parrott may
retire.

Former Manchester Utd
and York City player Tony
Young returns to England in
November, but there's no
certainty he will return to
Frankston.

By KYLE PATTERSON

After two months
of pressure-cooker
football, the com-
parative festivity of
cup soccer returns to
the Victorian State
League tonight
(Wednesday).

All four teams involved
in tonight's Dockerty Cup
semi finals at Olympic
Park had relegation or
championship pressures
up until the last round of
the State League.

With these pressures
now removed, the fans are
hoping for some attacking
and flowing soccer to
wet their appetites.

The first match (6.45 pm
kick off) brings together
two teams whose fortunes
fluctuated during 1979.

Prahran Slavia started
out in a blaze of glory,
playing some of the best
attacking soccer around
with the all-star forward
line of Jamie Paton, Jim
Williams and Steve Aldrid-
ge.

The sale of Paton and
John Yzendoorn started a
big decline.

Frankston City, Slavia's
semi final opponent, fol-
lowed a similar pattern as
Slavia. A 14-game unbeat-
en run in the league came
to an abrupt end, and City
has had plenty of troubles
since.

Injury to Noel Mitten
and the loss of Tony Young
worsened the slide.

Slavia and Frankston
will put on a good semi

Preston, Frankston for Cup final?

final, but Frankston should
be good enough to get to
the final.

The second semi final
brings together rivals Pre-
ston Makedonia and Essen-
don Croatia, the big guns
of the State League.

These two teams owe
the fans something after
their woe-filled exhibitions at
B.T. Connor Reserve on
Sunday, September 16. The
game ended in a boring 0-0
draw.

In 1978, the two sides
fought out a thrilling
Ampol Cup final, which
produced four goals, extra
time and sudden-death
penalty kick decider.

This Dockerty Cup semi
final should produce simi-
lar excitement.

Croatia is perhaps the
more balanced team, but
Makedonia has ex-
plosiveness in Robert
Cullen, George McMillan
and Gary Ward.

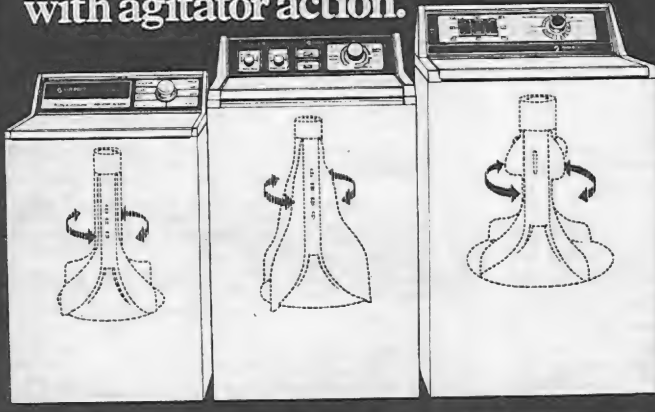
Essendon's Tommy
Cumming rivals these
three in terms of dynamic
play, and so attacking foot-
ball should be the order of
the day.

Makedonia should come
out on top as the extra
pace of cup soccer will suit
its style.

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SATURDAY'S MIDDAY



Ken Boden, who leaves Newcastle soon, dashes away from Footscray JUST's Jim O'Reilly. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Trenter, Boden in swap deal

Hopes which proved no more than wishful thinking that Kenny Boden, the Player-of-the-Year in the Phillips Soccer League in 1978, would remain with Newcastle KB United ended on Saturday.

Alan Vest, the KB United manager-coach, told me that Boden's transfer to Sydney City was now only a matter of signing on the dotted line — and that will probably have been done by now.

Boden's wish to join Sydney City ended what seemed a determined bid by Canberra City to induce Boden to move to the federal capital.

Canberra City had offered \$30,000 for Boden's transfer — but it is not known what inducement was held out to the player.

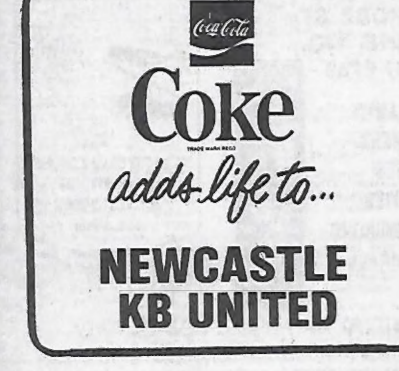
Sydney City will pay KB United \$20,000 and transfer Mark Trenter, a fine utility player, to the Newcastle team.

A fee was not set for Trenter. The complete deal was \$20,000 plus Trenter for Boden.

Trenter, a former Welsh Youth International team member, agreed to KB United's terms on Saturday so all matters are now completed.

And what a great farewell Kenny Boden gave to his thousands of Newcastle KB United supporters.

He headed three great goals against Footscray in the first 39 minutes of the match at the International Sports Centre last Saturday. It was somewhat surprising that Boden should score the three goals with his head for he has not often dominated in the air. But each goal was near to perfect



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MERGER PLAN: KB SAYS 'NO'

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AN ambitious scheme for Newcastle KB United Club to amalgamate with the Adamstown Rosebuds club, which has a fully licenced social club, fell flat last week when the Newcastle United Board of Directors flatly refused to entertain any such idea.

An official release from Newcastle KB United to the media on Saturday stated: "The Directors of Newcastle KB United categorically and emphatically deny that Newcastle United has any plans to amalgamate with Adamstown Rosebuds or any other Soccer club."

Some directors of the Adamstown Rosebuds Club, one of the oldest established Soccer clubs in the North, approached Newcastle United a few days before the release with the suggestion.

The plan, first advanced by Mr Max Talbot, president of Newcastle United until he became Secretary-manager of Canberra City would have allowed members of the KB United playing squad to play with Adamstown in the Northern NSW Federation State League competition to begin next year and so give KB United the 'shadow' squad it so sorely needs.

200,000 watch KB

Newcastle KB United ended its second season in the Phillips Soccer League on a very high note with its 3-0 win against Footscray last Saturday.

The crowd of 7422 was the second lowest of the season but was not expected to be any greater since KB United's chances of gaining a place in the top four seemed so slim and Footscray was right out of the hunt. Added to that were the many counter attractions — most of them free — to keep many from the International Sports Centre.

The average attendance at KB United's 13 home premiership matches stands at 10,222 — easily the best in the Phillips League.

The total attendance for such fixtures was 132,894. The aggregate for the four Phillips Cup matches at the International Sports Centre was 33,663 to give a grand total of 166,557.

Then there were the attendances at the matches controlled by the Australian Soccer Federation, not yet revealed to the correct figure but certainly totalling another 40,000 so that there have been more than 200,000 people at matches controlled and promoted by the KB United Club.

Attendances at grounds on which KB United has played its away premiership fixtures is 48,786 so that 215,343 have watched the Newcastle team this year.

Compare that figure of 48,786 with the 132,894 for KB United's matches at home. The difference is remarkable and shows exactly where the greatest Soccer interest in Australia is centred.

The biggest crowd of the season at the International Sports Centre was for the match against Sydney Olympic in the first round when 18,367 passed through the turnstiles. The smallest was the 7091 early in the premiership for the fixture against South Melbourne.

Then there would have been the advantage of the backing of a licensed club to help KB United's finances.

However, the Newcastle KB United Board of Directors, an astute band of highly regarded businessmen, who have proved that they look carefully before they leap, and whose success in the club's management is clearly proven, carefully considered all aspects. Then they unanimously agreed that there would be no advantage in the proposed amalgamation. There does not even seem, at the moment, the likelihood of even some form of liaison between the two clubs.

The decision is likely to meet with the full approval of KB United's many members and supporters who are eager to retain their own identity but it will be a great disappointment to the Adamstown Rosebuds Club members.

'Youth to make us great': Vest

Newcastle KB United has, this season, scored more points, scored more goals, had fewer scored against it and attracted bigger crowds than last year.

"If that is not satisfactory what could be?" asks Alan Vest, the team's highly skilled and deservedly popular manager-coach.

"It seems strange, but the points we gained this season would have had us to near the top of the tree last season," he said. "As it is we are many points ahead of the team below us. But we have made it clear that we are among the teams hardest to beat in the Phillips League and we can hold our own with the 'big boys'."

Vest said his team had had many setbacks because of injuries and it had been, for a long time difficult to establish a settled playing combination. That fact made the effort in finishing so high on the points score table the more impressive.

"We are going places, let there be no doubt about that," said Vest. "In all aspects we are a better side than we were last year and we will be better next season. We have many young players and most of them have gained much valuable experience this season. Their approach and attitude to the game is remarkable and we've beaten the best teams in

Australia. We need only a small percentage improvement next season and we'll be at the top. I know that won't be easy but it is on the card."

Vest said the club's only income was through the turnstiles and that meant that money available to buy players was comparatively small but, with the money available, he is to try to strengthen the side and will again be looking to local youth to help do that.

Vest is not yet decided whether he will go to the UK in search of players during the off-season.

"I don't know if the club intends to send me overseas again but I appreciate the position. Anyhow I'm fully confident that the playing staff we have will be a better one next season. We'll have Bill Summerville, Ian Seddon and David Jones fit once more and there are a number of local players who could fit into the side very well," said Vest.

"I've no fears for the future. Take it from me, KB United is going places and we'll be right in the thick of it next season."

JUNIOR STANDINGS										
Standings as at September 16										
U-10 DANCY 'A'										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Moorebank	14	12	2	0	26	8	25			
Doncaster	A	14	10	2	2	30	7	22		
Knox City	A	14	10	0	4	43	14	20		
Croydon	A	14	5	5	4	27	18	15		
Hawthorn	A	16	3	3	6	22	28	15		
Newa City	A	14	5	3	6	19	20	13		
Box Hill	A	14	2	3	9	14	32	7		
Hawthorn	A	14	2	3	10	15	45	7		
Waverley	A	14	2	0	12	11	43	4		
U-10 DANCY 'B'										
Mitcham	A	14	10	2	2	31	10	22		
Moorebank	A	14	9	2	2	29	5	21		
Nth. Dandy	A	14	8	2	4	25	17	18		
Moskall	A	14	6	4	4	20	13	16		
F.T. Gully B	A	14	2	2	10	14	34	14		
Clarend	A	15	2	7	25	22	14			
Disley	A	15	4	5	8	18	21	14		
Doncaster	A	14	4	1	9	25	23	9		
Knox City	A	14	0	0	14	1	55	0		
U-10 DANCY 'C'										
Lyndale	A	12	12	1	0	64	6	20		
Boorah	A	12	9	2	2	37	8	18		
Knox City	B	12	7	1	4	28	13	15		
Croydon	B	12	7	1	4	21	15	15		
Mulgrew	A	13	4	0	9	24	8	11		
F.T. Gully B	A	13	4	0	9	24	8	11		
Upper Yarra	A	12	2	3	7	15	36	7		
Geelong	A	13	0	12	1	4	63	1		
U-10 PENN 'A'										
Paninsula	A	13	1	2	30	12	19			
F. Pines	A	14	9	1	4	40	24	18		
Barwick	A	12	8	2	2	35	18	21		
Barwick	A	12	8	1	3	32	10	17		
Knox City	A	12	8	0	8	27	12	12		
Seaford	A	12	4	2	8	21	24	10		
Doncaster	A	14	2	1	10	29	5	10		
Chelton	A	12	0	12	2	69	0			
U-10 PENN 'B'										
Brighton	A	14	13	1	0	69	8	27		
Mulgrew	A	15	9	2	3	45	12	21		
Boorah	A	12	8	2	2	37	8	18		
Clarend	A	14	3	3	38	22	19			
Malmo	A	14	7	2	4	21	8	17		
Springvale	A	14	4	10	18	42	8			
Hawthorn	A	14	3	1	10	9	33			
Doncaster	A	14	3	1	10	14	40			
East Bentleigh	A	14	1	13	2	70	2			
U-10 NORTH 'A'										
Junonia	A	16	12	3	1	31	12	27		
Lalor	A	16	12	2	2	72	7	26		
Reserve 'A'	A	16	11	4	1	49	9	28		
Burwood	A	16	10	3	3	53	13	23		
Seaford	A	16	9	4	3	58	12	2		
Westvale	A	16	5	2	9	12	30	12		
Sunbury 'A'	A	16	4	2	10	14	47	10		
Brookwood	A	16	2	2	12	20	65	4		
George Cross	A	16	1	14	10	7	83	5		
Greenbush	A	16	1	14	10	7	83	5		
U-10 NORTH 'B'										
Reserve 'A'	A	16	11	3	2	30	8	26		
Northam	A	16	10	4	2	27	5	24		
Eltham	A	16	11	2	2	29	9	24		
Sunbury 'B'	A	16	8	3	5	35	19	18		
Albion 'B'	A	16	8	1	7	22	28	17		
Maplebank 'B'	A	16	6	4	5	17	16	18		
Keller 'B'	A	16	4	3	7	21	15	16		
Northam	A	16	4	1	11	9	29	8		
Milton 'B'	A	16	2	3	11	2	30	7		
Diamond 'B'	A	16	0	4	12	7	39	4		
U-10 WESTERN 'A'										
Exendon	A	16	10	8	0	82	4	32		
Malmo 'A'	A	16	13	1	2	43	11	22		
Malmo 'B'	A	16	11	2	3	41	24			
Sunshine Hts	A	16	8	3	5	29	21	19		
Albion	A	16	8	3	5	23	15	19		
Westvale	A	16	2	8	14	31	12			
Westvale	A	16	3	2	11	15	32	8		
Albion	A	16	3	2	11	18	51	9		
Green Gully	A	16	2	2	12	10	37	4		
Keller	A	16	2	2	12	9	59	6		
U-11 DANCY 'A'										
Knox City 'A'	A	16	14	2	0	58	11	30		
Moorebank	A	16	14	1	0	36	12	28		
Seaford	A	16	12	2	2	47	23	28		
Springvale	A	16	11	3	2	36	20	25		
Exendon	A	16	8	3	5	38	19	19		
Croydon	A	16	8	3	5	38	19	19		
Sunshine Hts	A	16	5	3	10	18	13	13		
Seaford	A	16	5	12	10	53	11			
Mulgrew	A	16	1	4	13	56	8			
West Newport	A	16	1	0	17	9	76	2		
U-11 DANCY 'B'										
Green Gully	A	16	15	0	0	54	7	34		
Keller	A	17	12	2	3	53	17	20		
Sth Mahr	A	17	11	3	3	49	14	25		
Springvale	A	17	10	2	5	53	42	22		
Westvale	A	17	8	4	8	38	18			
Box Hill	A	17	6	3	8	45	39	15		
Moorebank	A	17	6	3	8	32	35	15		
Frederick	A	17	5	2	10	18	34			
Sth Park	A	17	1	10	8	11	33			
Exendon City	A	17	1	10	8	10	52	2		
U-11 WESTERN 'B'										
Moorebank	A	17	15	2	0	81	15	32		
Doncaster	A	17	15	1	1	58	11	31		
Knox City	A	17	12	4	1	44	17	25		
Moorebank	A	17	8	2	7	38	17			
Exendon	A	17	7	8	3	31	37			
Nwa City	A	17	7	2	8	38	28			
Brighton	A	17	8	2	9	48	53			
Doncaster	A	17	2	3	12	22	48			
Doncaster	A	17	2	13	22	29	8			
Doncaster	A	17	2	14	17	63	5			

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